

FIG. 1 is a block diagram of a system architecture for a virtual community.

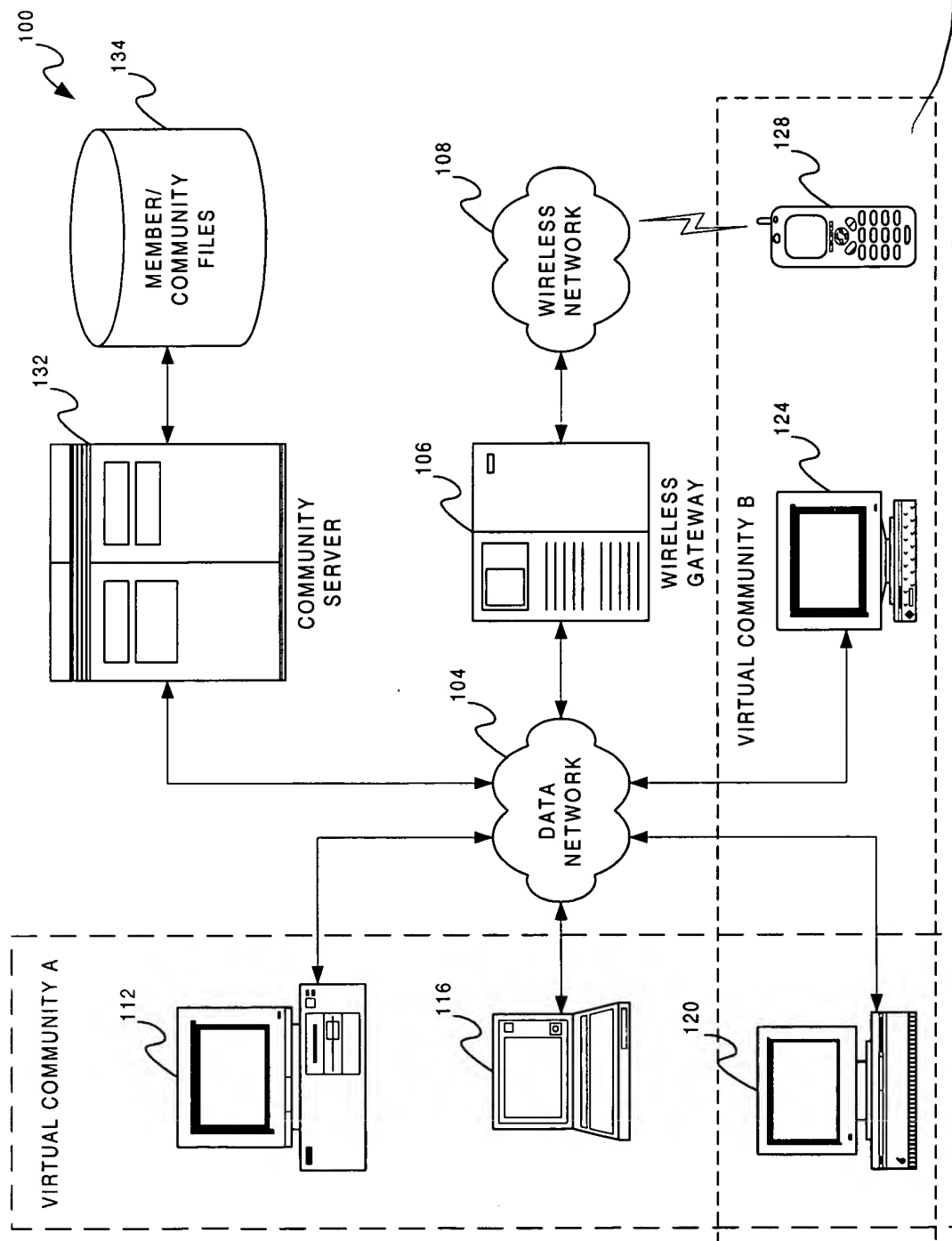


Figure 1

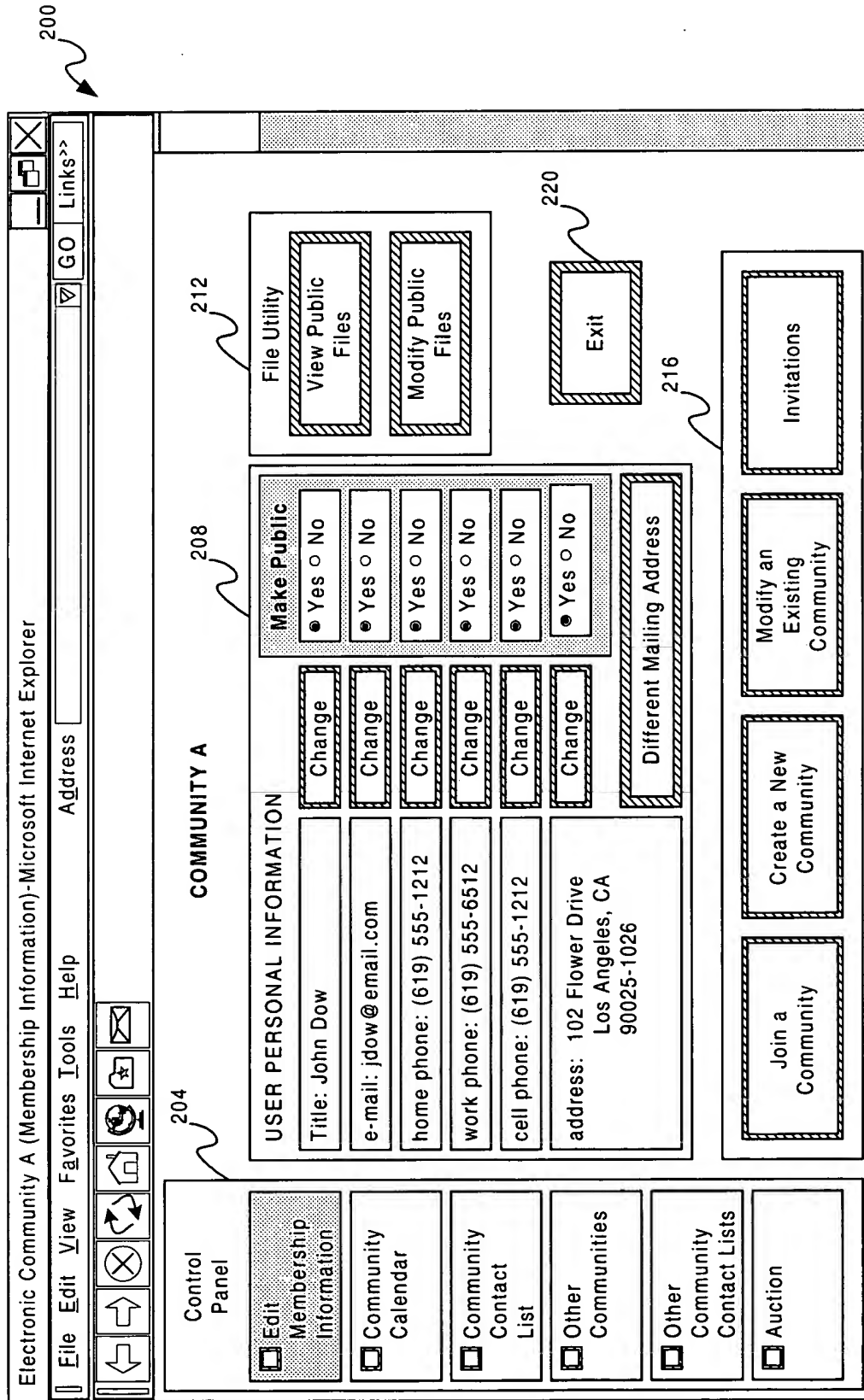


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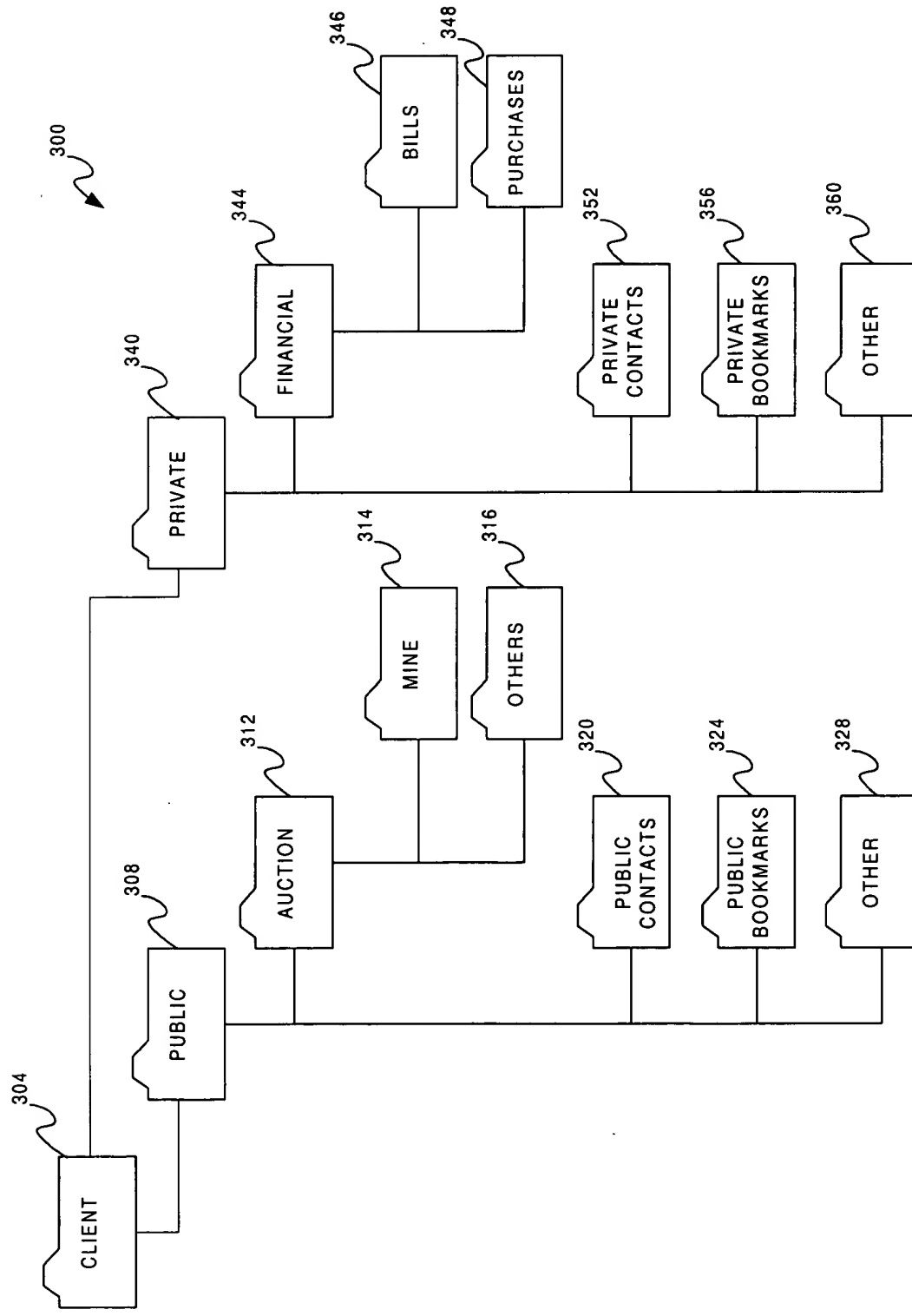


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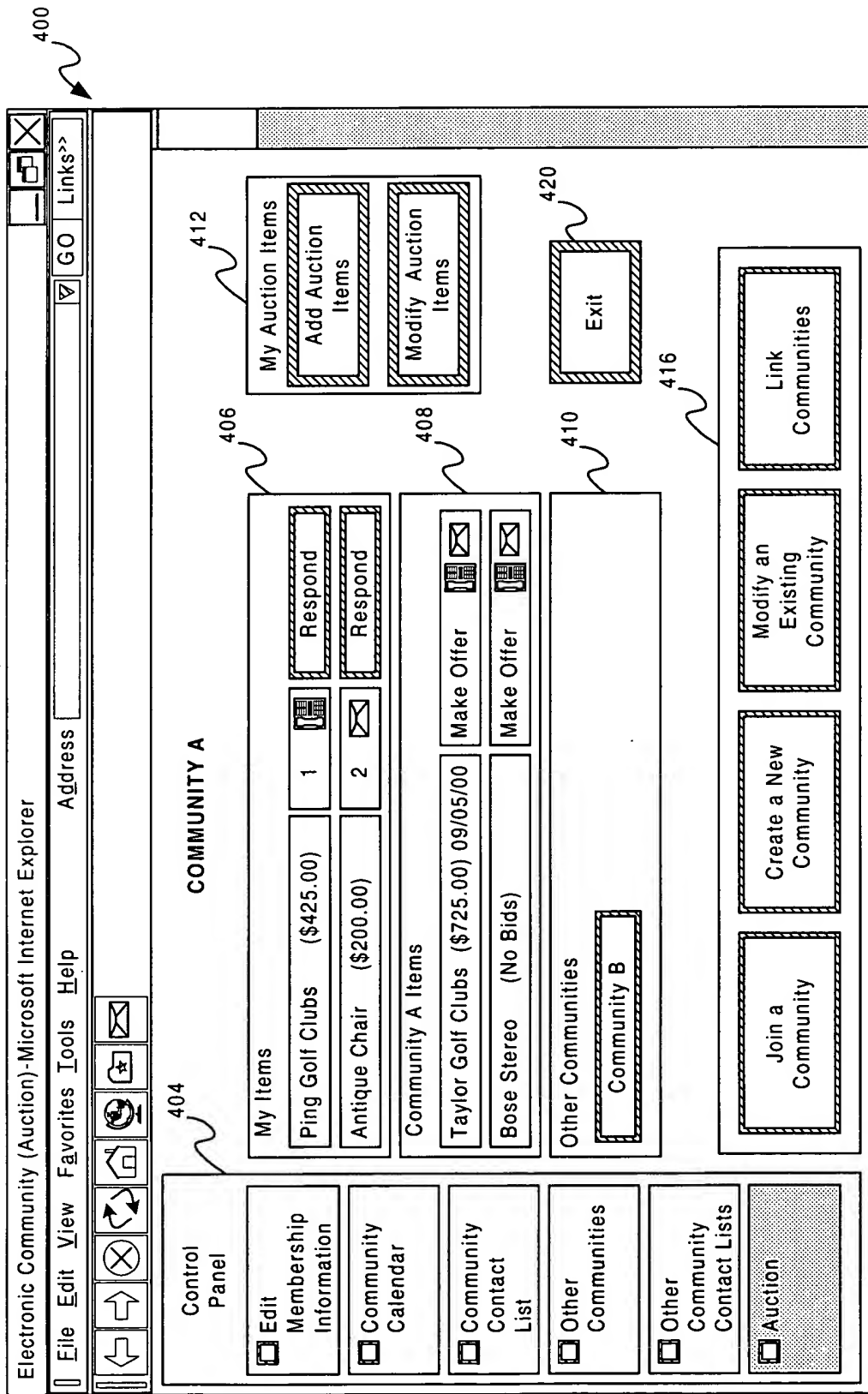


Figure 4

500

Search for items

Communities

Identifiers

name	e-mail
community	

512

Name	e-mail
Fred Smith	fsmith@email.com
Jane Dow	jdow@mail.com
Brian Shadd	bshadd@yahoo.com
Richard Hamming	hamming@msn.com
Robert Strum	not available

506

502

Community

Community A

Community A

Community B

Community B

Community B

Add to Address Book

Compose Message

Figure 5

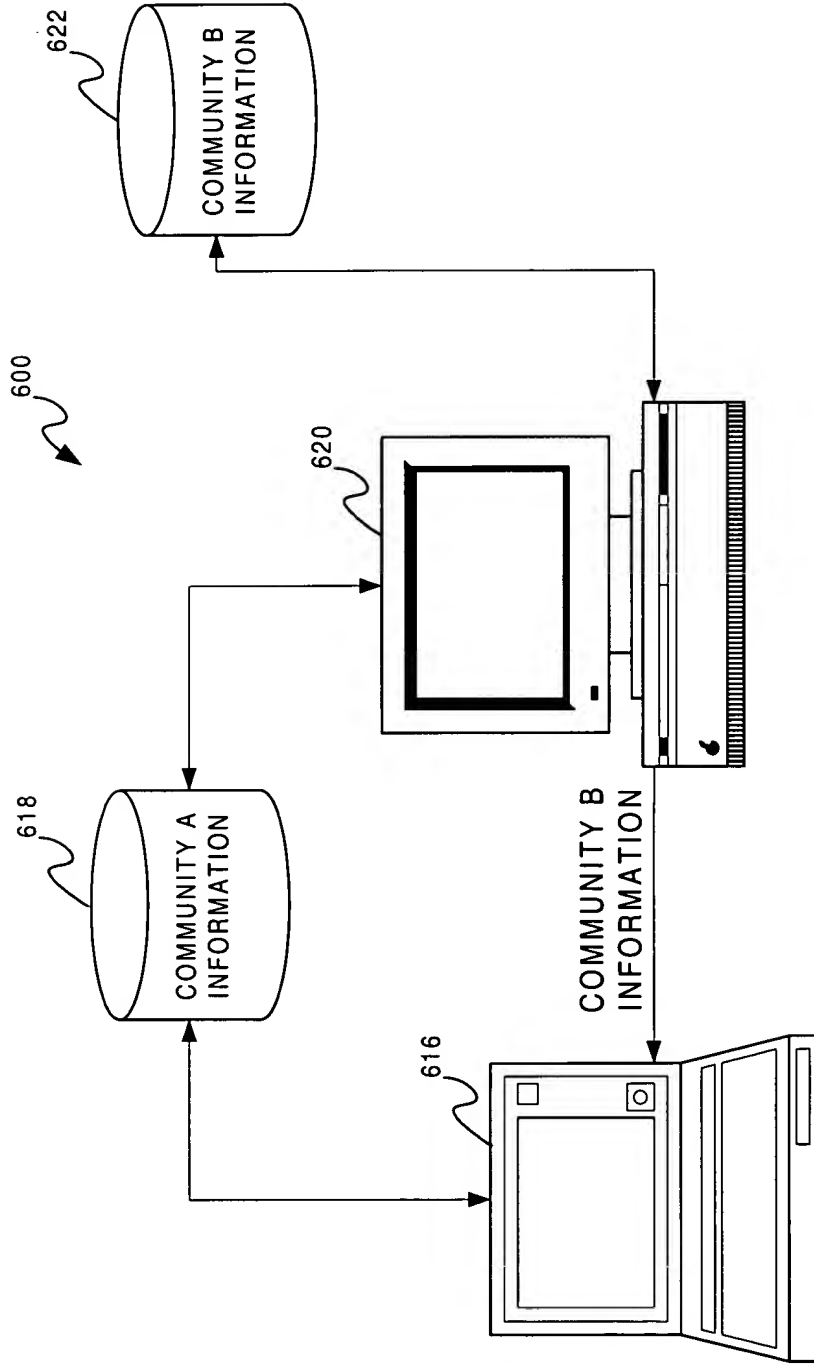


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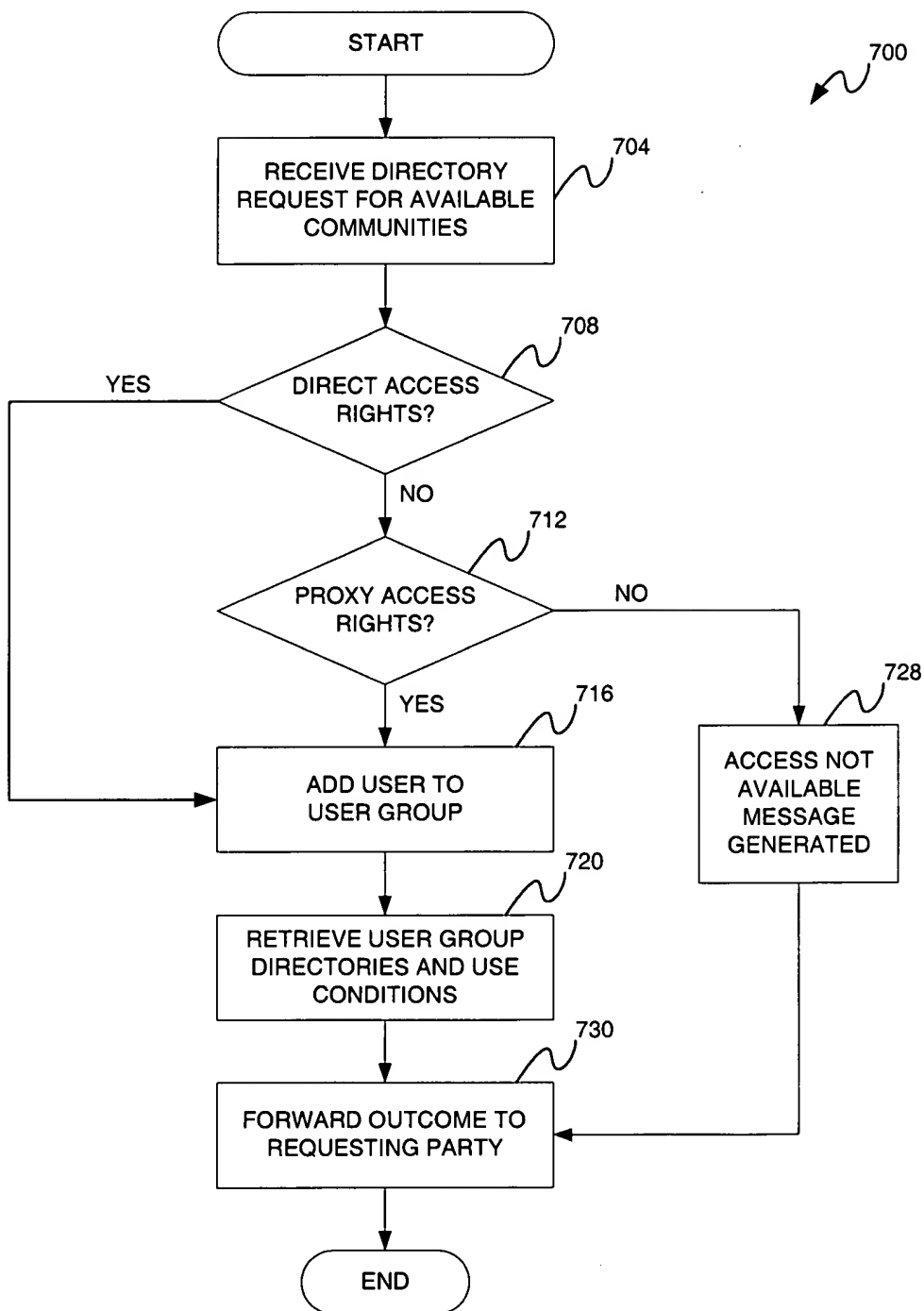


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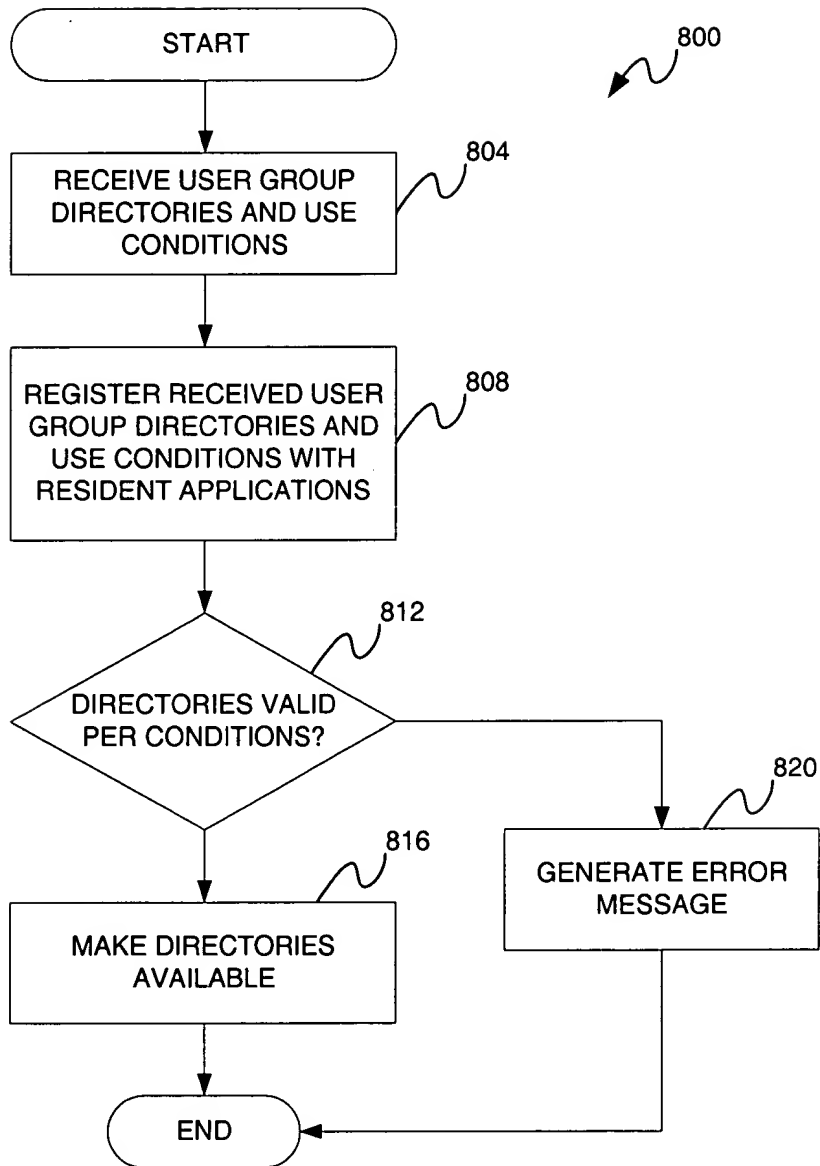


Figure 8